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To: Senate Bill No. 627

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**"AN ACT CONCERNING THE GRANT OF A RELEASE TO SUE BY
THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND OPPORTUNITIES."**

1 After the last section, insert the following:

2 "Sec. 2. Section 46a-101 of the general statutes is repealed and the
3 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2002*):

4 (a) No action may be brought in accordance with section 46a-100
5 unless the complainant has received a release from the commission in
6 accordance with the provisions of this section.

7 (b) The complainant [and] or the respondent, by themselves or their
8 attorneys, may [jointly] request that the complainant receive a release
9 from the commission at any time from the date of filing the complaint
10 until the expiration of two hundred ten days from the date of filing of
11 the complaint. The complainant, or his attorney, may request a release
12 from the commission if his complaint with the commission is still
13 pending after the expiration of two hundred ten days from the date of

14 its filing.

15 (c) The executive director of the commission shall grant a release,
16 allowing the complainant to bring a civil action, within ten business
17 days after receipt of the request for the release, except that if a case is
18 scheduled for public hearing, the executive director may decline to
19 issue a release. The commission may defer acting on a request for a
20 release for thirty days if the executive director of the commission, or
21 his designee, certifies that he has reason to believe that the complaint
22 may be resolved within that period.

23 (d) If the respondent's request for a release is granted, (1) the
24 executive director shall, upon granting such release, provide the
25 complainant with information on bringing an action pursuant to
26 section 46a-100, and (2) the complainant may bring such action
27 without payment of a filing fee or other costs.

28 (e) Upon granting a release, the commission shall dismiss or
29 otherwise administratively dispose of the discriminatory practice
30 complaint pending with the commission without cost or penalty
31 assessed to any party.

32 [(e)] (f) Any action brought by the complainant in accordance with
33 section 46a-100 shall be brought within ninety days of the receipt of the
34 release from the commission."